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The Copy of A LETTER

FROM

An eminent Commander in Sir
Thomas Fairfax Army, to severall worthy
Members of the Honourable House of
Commons assembled in Parliament.

*Dated at Marston, within a mile and little more of
Oxford, May 24. 1645.*

Wherein is fully related the return of Lieu-
tenant Gen. *Cromwell*, and Major Gen. *Brown*, and
their joyning with Sir *Thomas Fairfax*
at Marston aforesaid.

The Lord *Goring*s returne into Gloucester-
shire, the Kings forces advance into Darbyshire,
Secretary *Nicholas* his Letters intercepted, the
taking of *Philpot* the Kings Harrold at Armes, and
sundry other Doctors. The taking of Wolvercore
house, which the enemy set on fire, but was
quenched by our forces, and therein the
Deputy-governour, divers other
prisoners, and all their Armes
and Ammunition.

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SIR S,

THe last night Sir *Thomas Fairfax* our Generall came to Marston, within a mile and little more of Oxford, the 22 of *May* instant, where Lieutenant Generall *Crumwell* and Major Generall *Browne* met him, the Foot were quartered in severall Towns about a mile and halfe from Oxford, our Horse-guards and Per-

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dues within twice Musket-shot of the Workes. The enemy hath drowned the meddowes as much as they can, and fired the Suburbs, and have burnt a Corn-mill the last night, and this morning set on fire a Garrison at V Volvercoate which they had within a mile, which is burning at the writing hereof. They intended to have burnt the Towne, and other Townes hereabouts, but our Forces being possessed thereof, have prevented their evill intentions. Yesterday, as our Generall was on the Bowling-greene viewing the workes at Magdalen-Colledge, a Bullet weighing eight pound was shot at him, but went over his head
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and did no hurt to any of the rest, though hee stood within twice Musket-shot of the VVorkes; this day hee was within twice Pistoll-shot of the VVorkes at the other end of the Towne, but they were sparing of Powder. The Souldiers are intrenching their head Quarters and making a bridge over the water, to hold a correspondency with the other Forces on the other side of the River. *Goring* is come into Gloucestershire, wee expect his Horse suddenly: yet if yee send Auxiliaries from London and other Counties, wee make no doubt to make short worke of the businesse, either by gaining of the Towne, or by being Masters. of
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the field, if the enemy advance to
fight with us.

This day, *May* the 24. we have
intelligence that the Kings For-
ces are advanced into Derbishire,
and so Northward, as wee con-
ceive, if the besieging of Oxford
divert not their intentions; letters
from Secretary *Nicholas* were
this day intercepted, the princi-
pallest matter they contained
was intelligence of passages in
both Houses. The Lord *Cotting-*
ton, the Earle of *Dorset*, and all the
Lords and Gallants beare Armes
in Oxford. VVee have taken
Philpot the Harrold, and some
stragling Doctors that were fear-
full of a siege. As soone as the
bridges be made, (the want of
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boats much retarding the service) there will bee communication from one Quarter to another, and then fit for making approaches neerer. VVe quenched the fire yesterday, and took the Deputy-Governour and all the Armes and Ammunition in the house at VVolvercoate before the fire got to it.

The Generall going to Burstall house to view the workes, and to settle a guard to keepe the garrison Souldiers within, that the passage might be open betweene Alisbury and the Army, and so to London, Captaine *Flemming* Adjutant generall of Horse was shot in the belly, we thinke mortall, he adventured further then
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his Commission, and the unruliness of his Horse brought him among the enemy unawares, he was a very active and stout Gentleman.

Marston, May 24. 1645.

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